

CITY OF HOUSTON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SOLICITATION NO.: S63-T29623

Date Issued: November 6, 2020

Pre-Proposal Conference: November 17, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. (CT)

Virtual Conference

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Pre-Proposal Questions

Deadline:

November 24, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. (CT)

Solicitation Due Date: December 30, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. (CT)

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Project Summary:

The City of Houston is soliciting proposals from qualified entities to install double sided digital message display signs to be located at sites within city limits in the city right of way or on city property; locations must be limited to interstate freeways, major thoroughfares, and connectors. The successful proposer(s) may receive a 15- or 20-year contract, as negotiated.

NIGP Code: 208-27, 209-28, 928-27, 801-58 MWBE Goal: 11%

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Jerry Adams, Chief Procurement Officer

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PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Houston intends to enter into one or more contracts with a qualified vendor(s) to install, test, and maintain digital billboards within city limits in the city right of way or on city property. City approval of sign locations is required.

2.0 CITY OF HOUSTON BACKGROUND

The City is the fourth largest City in the United States and is composed of 23 departments with multiple physical locations throughout the geographical boundaries of the City. The City has approximately 23,000 employees with approximately 500 employees involved in the procurement and/or contracting process. Contracts where the City must pay in excess of \$50,000 are routed to City Council for approval. The annual volume of contracts and purchase orders issued by the City in the last five years has ranged from 19,000 to 23,000.

3.0 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

Listed below are the important dates for this Request for Proposals (RFP).

EVENT

Date of RFP Issued
Pre-Proposal Conference
Questions from Proposers Due to City
Proposals Due from Proposers
Notification of Intent to Award (Estimated)
Council Agenda Date (Estimated)
Contract Start Date (Estimated)

DATE

November 6, 2020 November 17, 2020 November 24, 2020 December 30, 2020 March 5, 2021 April 30, 2021 May 2021

PART II - SCOPE OF WORK

1.0 PURPOSE

The City seeks proposals from qualified vendors to install digital message display signs within city limits in the city right of way or on city property. City approval of sign locations is required.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

A. Operational requirements:

- Vendor(s) will be responsible for identifying sites for the erection of sign structures that meet the specifications stated herein.
- The City shall have the right to display City messages for at least 10% of the total display time and the ability to preempt Vendor's advertising during declared emergencies.
- For each digital sign it erects, Vendor(s) will remove, at a minimum, three static billboard structures in the City of Houston city limits. Vendors are encouraged to propose higher removal ratios.
- The City will facilitate any right of entry agreements necessary for the successful vendor(s) to access removal of static billboards.
- No later than nine years after installation, Vendor(s) shall refurbish and upgrade all digital displays.
- Digital billboards must be protected against unauthorized access. Vendor(s) should provide details on processes and procedures that will be in place to ensure and protect against unauthorized access or "hacking."

- Vendor(s) must make reports available for the City to show statistics and other
 information to guide the City's content strategy. Vendor(s) should provide details of what
 usage statistics are available and whether a report can be automatically generated and
 frequency or availability of reports.
- Vendor(s) shall be responsible for paying fees required by Houston Public Works associated with the signs.

B. Sign specifications

- Operations shall be web-based so that messages can be remotely controlled independently for all signs.
- Each sign shall:
- Have timer capabilities.
- Be able to have independent messages.
- Be operated on a loop that rotates eight second static displays (no motion or flashing).
- Be consistent size and style with all other signs under this contract
- Provide for real-time automatic adjustment of lighting intensity to ensure compliance with industry-established standards.
- Comply with the Houston Sign Code.

C. Content restrictions

All advertisements shall comply with Section 4.3.6 of the Sample Agreement posted with this RFP on the City website.

D. Location restrictions

- No signs may be located in the Scenic District, as defined by the Houston Sign Code see Appendix A.
- Signs may be located only along interstate freeways, major thoroughfares, and connectors.

E. City communications

- During any declared emergency, the City will have the right to pre-empt all advertising to display emergency messages. Vendor(s) must include a protocol for real-time posting of emergency City communications. The network will follow protocols for national emergency messaging requirements, such as Amber alerts.
- For at least 10% of the total display time, the City will have the right to display its messages on each digital display in the network. Vendor(s) shall accept content in various formats, including PDF, Word, images, etc. from the City for presentation on the Digital Billboards. Vendor(s) must demonstrate and describe how the City can provide and manage this content (including the process of how information is pushed or pulled into the Digital Billboards for display) at no cost to the City.

F. Warehoused/relocated signs

 Signs warehoused or relocated pursuant to Section 4617 of the Sign Code will be counted toward the swap sign total but will be considered of lower value than a currently standing sign.

G. Revenue to the City

- Vendors will propose payment to the City of a portion of the net revenue plus a single upfront payment.
- For context, the City seeks an initial fee of no less than \$10 million plus annual fees of \$2 million or 40% percent of revenues, whichever is greater.

H. Bond Requirements

• Bond requirement shall comply with Section 10 of the Sample Agreement.

PART III - EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

1.0 EVALUATION COMMITTEE

An evaluation committee shall evaluate Proposers' submissions in accordance with the evaluation criteria listed in Item 5.0 below. Upon completion of the evaluation, the committee may develop a short list of Proposer(s) meeting the technical competence requirements. The shortlisted Proposer(s) may be scheduled for a structured oral presentation, demonstration, interview and negotiations. Following these City-to-Proposer(s)' meetings, the evaluation committee will summarize their findings and recalculate their scores, if needed. However, the evaluation committee reserves the right to issue letter(s) of clarification when deemed necessary to any or all Proposer(s). The oral presentations, demonstrations and/or interviews may be recorded and/or videotaped.

2.0 INTERVIEWS/ORAL PRESENTATIONS/DEMONSTRATIONS

The City reserves the right to request that Proposer(s) provide a final presentation handout of its Proposal at their scheduled meeting. No Proposer may attend presentations of any other Proposer. If necessary, Proposers may be scheduled for more than one presentation, demonstration, or interview.

3.0 SELECTION PROCESS

The City intends to select a Proposal that best meets the needs of the City and that provides the best overall value. The City reserves the right to check references on any projects performed by the Proposer, whether provided by the Proposer or known by the City. Upon review of all information provided by Proposers, the evaluation committee will make a recommendation for selection to City officials. Upon approval of the selected Proposer, a contract shall be executed by the appropriate City officials.

4.0 BEST AND FINAL OFFER ("BAFO")

The City reserves the right to request a BAFO from finalist Proposer(s), if necessary

5.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

5.1 Responsiveness of Proposal (Pass/Fail)

The Proposal shall be responsive to all material requirements that will enable the evaluation committee to evaluate it in accordance with the evaluation criteria and make a recommendation to City officials.

5.2 Technical Competence (60 Points)

The Proposal shall be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposed solution meet the needs of the City including:

5.2.1 Qualifications and specialized experience of the firm to successfully provide signage as evidenced by experience with a project of similar magnitude (10 Points)

- 5.2.2 Quality and specialized experience of Key Personnel to successfully implement the project as evidenced by experience in a similar role with a previous project (10 Points)
- 5.2.3 Implementation schedule; maintenance and refurbishment plan (10 points)
- 5.2.4 Quality of proposed signage and representative advertisements (10 points)
- 5.2.5 Number of static signs to be removed per digital installation (20 Points)

5.3 Revenue to the City (40 points)

Proposer shall submit an offer to the City for a one-time upfront payment and a percentage of annual revenues.

THE REVENUE PROPOSAL MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE that is clearly marked with the RFP title and solicitation number and the label "Revenue Proposal".

5.4 Quality of proposed M/WBE Participation aligned with the project scope (Pass/Fail)

Ability to meet the required 11% level of subcontracting participation or a demonstrative Good Faith Efforts presented by Proposer.

5.5 Financial Stability of the Proposer (Pass/Fail)

If Proposer is an entity that is required to prepare audited financial statements, Proposer shall submit an annual report that includes:

- 5.5.1 Last two years of audited accrual-basis financial statements, including an income statement, cash flow statement, and balance sheet;
- 5.5.2 If applicable, last two years of consolidated statements for any holding companies or affiliates;
- 5.5.3 An audited or un-audited accrual-basis financial statement of the most recent quarter of operation; and
- 5.5.4 A full disclosure of any events, liabilities, or contingent liabilities that could affect Proposer's financial ability to perform this contract.

If Proposer is a privately-owned entity or sole proprietorship for which audited financial statements are not required, Proposer shall submit an annual report that includes:

- 5.5.5 Last two years of un-audited accrual-basis financial statements, including an income statement, cash flow statement, and balance sheet:
- 5.5.6 An audited or un-audited accrual-basis financial statement of the most recent quarter of operation; and
- 5.5.7 A full disclosure of any events, liabilities, or contingent liabilities that could affect Proposer's financial ability to perform this contract;

OR

5.5.8 Other financial information sufficient for the City, in its sole judgement, to determine if Proposer is financially solvent or adequately capitalized.

5.6 Local Preference Points

To be eligible for the preference, a company must be designated as a *City Business* (*CB*) or Local Business (*LB*) under the Hire Houston First Program prior to submittal of proposal. Proposers must provide Declaration of Hire Houston First Designation with proposal submission. At the conclusion of scoring Proposals, Hire Houston First preference points shall be distributed in such a way that grants the highest number of points to a City Business (CB) and the next highest number of points to a Local Business (LB).

Note: At the conclusion of scoring Proposals, preference points shall be distributed in the following manner:

- <u>5 Points</u>: For Proposer firm designated as a Hire Houston First "City Business" (CB);
- <u>3 Points:</u> For Proposer firm designated as a Hire Houston First "Local Business" (LB);
- <u>0 Points:</u> For proposer firm not designated as either a "City Business" (CB) or a "Local Business" (LB).

6.0 ADDITIONAL RELATED SERVICES

In submitting its Proposal, Proposer(s) shall indicate a willingness to negotiate future potential additional services deemed appropriate for the Scope of Work, as provided herein, or deemed necessary and/or desirable by the City.

PART IV - SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

1.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

1.1 Number of Copies. Submit one (1) printed copy of the Technical Proposal, one (1) printed original signed in BLUE ink, and seven (7) electronic copies of the Technical Proposal on thumb drives, sealed in a separate single envelope bearing the assigned solicitation number (located on the first page of this RFP document) to:

City Secretary's Office City Hall Annex, Public Level 900 Bagby Street Houston, Texas 77002

- 1.1.1 <u>Technical Proposal.</u> Submit **one (1) printed copy** and **one (1) printed original** and **seven (7) thumb drives** in a separate single sealed envelope bearing the assigned solicitation number and title.
- 1.1.2 Revenue Proposal and M/WBE documents. Submit one (1) copy of the Price Revenue Proposal and M/WBE documents on a thumb drive in a separate single sealed envelope bearing the assigned solicitation number and title.

The City shall bear no responsibility for submitting responses on behalf of any Proposer. Proposer(s) may submit their Proposal to the City Secretary's Office any time prior to the stated deadline.

1.2 <u>Time for Submission</u>. Proposals shall be submitted no later than the date and time indicated for submission in this RFP. Late submittals will not be considered and will be

- returned unopened. With the exception of City holidays, the normal business hours for the City Secretary's Office are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST.
- 1.3 <u>Format</u>. Proposals must be left-bound with information on both sides of the page when appropriate. Material should be organized following the order of the submission requirements separated by labeled tabs, and shall be securely bound. Submission materials will not be returned to Proposers.
- 1.4 <u>Complete Submission</u>. Proposers are advised to carefully review all the requirements and submit all documents and information as indicated in this RFP. Incomplete proposals may lead to a proposal being deemed non-responsive. Non-responsive proposals will not be considered.
- 1.5 Packaging and Labeling; Submission of Revenue Proposal. The outside wrapping/envelope of the printed Technical Proposal shall clearly indicate the RFP title, date, time for submission, and the name of the Proposer. The required number of thumb drives containing the Technical Proposal shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope and marked in the same manner as the printed Technical Proposal. The outside wrapping/ envelope of the Revenue Proposal shall clearly identify the content as Revenue Proposal and shall clearly indicate the RFP title, date, time for submission, and name of the Proposer. All other submission requirements shall be included with the Proposer's Technical Proposal.
- 1.6 <u>Delivery of Proposals</u>. The Proposal, including the Technical Proposal, all required forms, and the Revenue Proposal must be delivered by hand or mailed to the address shown on the cover sheet of this RFP. If using an express delivery service, the package must be addressed and delivered specifically to the City Secretary's Office. Packages delivered by express mail services to other locations may not be re-delivered to its final destination by the deadline hour.
- 1.7 <u>Proposers Responsible for Timely Submission</u>. Proposer remains responsible for ensuring that its Proposal is received at the time, date, place, and office specified. The City assumes no responsibility for any Proposal not received, regardless of whether the delay is caused by the U.S. Postal Service, a courier delivery service, or some other act or circumstance.

2.0 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be organized into the following sections:

- 2.1 <u>Cover Letter</u>. The cover letter shall be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The letter should indicate the Proposer's commitment to provide the services proposed.
- 2.2 <u>Executive Summary:</u> The executive summary should include a brief overview of the solution proposed, the overall strategy for implementation, and the key personnel who will be responsible for seeing the project through completion.
- 2.3 Offer and Submittal Form: See Exhibit I
- 2.4 <u>General Company Information</u>: Provide the name of Proposer's company (including the name of any parent company), business address, e-mail address, Federal Tax ID number, telephone number, and fax number.

- 2.5 <u>Knowledge and Experience</u>: Provide detailed relevant information about Proposer's knowledge and experience, including:
 - 2.5.1 Summarize three or more deployments (in similar size and scope to this RFP), with brief descriptions that demonstrate Proposer's ability to provide signage;
 - 2.5.2 Company track record: Provide a brief summary of company's background history, number of years in business, total number of employees, key personnel and their availability to be deployed on this project for the City.
- 2.6 Key Personnel: Identify the key personnel that will be committed to the project. The City reserves the right to reject any key personnel proposed if it is determined in the City's best interest. All key personnel must be committed to the project at the appropriate time level. Proposer understands that the qualifications and experience of key personnel proposed will be factored into the evaluation process; therefore, key personnel must not be replaced without the approval of the City. Any approved substitutions must be with personnel of equal or better qualifications. In addition, any other commitments must not conflict with the level of commitment proposed for this project.
 - 2.6.1 Provide names and titles of key personnel and an organizational chart of your proposed project team. Provide professional resumes of all key personnel.
- 2.7 <u>Implementation and maintenance schedule:</u> Provide a detailed implementation and maintenance schedule, including refurbishment activities/plan, for the first ten years of the contract terms.
- 2.8 <u>Proposed signage</u>: Provide representative advertisements and/or advertisement policy consistent with the content outlined in Section 4.3.6 of the Sample Agreement.
- 2.9 <u>Static Signs</u>: Provide a plan that details the number of static signs to be removed per each digital sign installation.
- 2.10 <u>Client References</u>: Provide reference name and contact information for three (3) clients for whom Proposer has provided similar services to municipalities within the past three (3) years (see Exhibit I References). Provide size and scope of each project with brief descriptions of the projects. Specifically, provide the following:
 - 2.10.1 Name and location of project(s);
 - 2.10.2 "CURRENT" reference contact name, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses;
 - 2.10.3 Deployment start/completion date(s) or current status;
- 2.11 <u>M/WBE Participation</u>: Identify M/WBE subcontractor(s) and submit a signed "M/WBE Letter of Intent" form identifying the role of each subcontractor for this implemented project.
- 2.12 <u>Financial Stability:</u> If Proposer is an entity that is required to prepare audited financial statements, then Proposer shall submit an annual report containing the information provided in Part III, Section 5.5, 5.5.1 through 5.5.4 of this document. If Proposer is a privately-owned entity or sole proprietorship for which audited financial statements are not required, Proposer shall submit an annual report containing the information provided in Part III, Section 5.5, 5.5.5 through 5.5.7, or 5.5.8 of this document.

- 2.13 Exceptions to Standard Contract: Provide any exceptions to the standard contract and include the rationale for taking the exception. If alternate language is proposed, include the proposed language for consideration, along with the corresponding Article Nos. within the RFP.
- 2.14 <u>Legal Actions:</u> Provide a list of any pending litigation and include a brief description of the reason for legal action.
- 2.15 <u>Conflict of Interest:</u> Provide information regarding any real or potential conflict of interest(s). Failure to disclose any potential conflict of interest at the outset may be cause for rejection of the Proposal.
- 2.16 Other: Provide any information the Proposer deems pertinent to demonstrating its qualifications to perform the services being requested, such as memberships in any professional associations, documents, examples, etc.
- 2.17 <u>Forms and Certifications</u>: Complete all forms and certifications attached, as appropriate.
- 2.18 Revenue Proposal: Please separately submit a Revenue Proposal.

Part V – EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All exceptions to the Sample Agreement shall be submitted in a clearly identified separate section of the Proposal in which the Proposer clearly cites the specific paragraphs within the Sample Agreement where the exceptions occur. Any exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting contract unless such exception is specifically approved by the Chief Procurement Officer or designee, City Attorney, Director(s) or designee in a written statement. The Proposer's preprinted or standard terms will not be considered by the City as a part of any resulting contract.

Please review and include any exceptions to the terms and conditions on the attached Sample Agreement.

Part VI - SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1.0 NO CONTACT PERIOD

Neither Proposer(s) nor any person acting on Proposer(s)'s behalf shall attempt to influence the outcome of the award by the offer, presentation or promise of gratuities, favors, or anything of value to any appointed or elected official or employee of the City, their families or staff members. All inquiries regarding the solicitation are to be directed to the designated City Representative identified on the first page of the solicitation.

With the exception of Proposer's formal response to the solicitation and written requests for clarification during the period officially designated for such purpose by the City Representative, neither Proposer(s) nor persons acting on their behalf shall communicate with any appointed or elected official or employee of the City, their families, or staff through written or oral means in an attempt to persuade or attempt to persuade or influence the outcome of the award or to obtain or deliver information intended to or which could reasonably result in an advantage to any Proposer from the time of issuance of the solicitation through the pre-award phase and up to the date the City Secretary publicly posts notice of any City Council agenda containing the applicable award. However, nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a bidder from making public statements to the City Council convened for a regularly scheduled session after the official selection has been made and placed on the City Council agenda for action, or to a City Council committee convened to discuss a recommendation regarding the solicitation.

2.0 MINORITY AND WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ("M/WBE")

It is the City of Houston's policy to ensure that Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) have full opportunity to compete for and participate in City Contracts. Contractor shall comply with the City's MWBE Program as set forth in Chapter 15, Article V of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances. Contractor shall make good faith efforts to award subcontracts and supply agreements in at least <u>11%</u> of the value of the Agreement to certified MWBEs. Contractor acknowledges that they have reviewed the requirements for good faith efforts on file with the Office of Business Opportunity (OBO), available at http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/docsandforms/goodfaithefforts.pdf, and will comply with the set forth requirements.

Contractor shall maintain records of subcontracts and supply agreements with certified MWBEs, containing language required herein. In addition, Contractor shall submit all disputes that may arise with MWBE subcontractors/supplies to mediation provided by the City, if directed to do so by the Office of Business Opportunity.

3.0 PROTESTS

Protests should be filed in accordance with the City of Houston Administrative Policy No. 5-12 http://www.houstontx.gov/adminpolicies/5-12.pdf

4.0 CANCELLATION

The City has sole discretion and reserves the right to cancel this RFP, or to reject any or all Proposals received prior to contract award.

5.0 ANTI-BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

City vendors are required to certify that they are not currently engaged in, and agree until the funds are exhausted under its contract with the City not to engage in, the boycott of Israel as defined by Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code.

6.0 EXECUTIVE ORDER 1-56 ZERO TOLERANCE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CITY SERVICE CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING

The City has a zero tolerance for human trafficking and, per Executive Order 1-56, City funds shall not be used to promote human trafficking. City vendors are expected to comply with this Executive Order and notify the City's Chief Procurement Officer of any information regarding possible violation by the vendor or its subcontractors providing services or goods to the City. The Executive Order is available on the City's website: http://www.houstontx.gov/execorders/1-56.pdf.

7.0 PRESERVATION OF CONTRACTING INFORMATION

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, may apply to this solicitation and the contractor or vendor agrees that the contract can be terminated if the contractor or vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

PART VII - INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1.0 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the date, time, and location indicated on the first page of the RFP document. Interested Proposer(s) are encouraged to attend. It will be assumed that potential Proposer(s) attending this meeting have reviewed the RFP in detail, and are prepared to bring up any substantive questions not already addressed by the City.

2.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATION CHANGES

Requests for additional information and questions should be addressed to the Finance Department, Strategic Procurement Division, Yesenia Chuca, Purchasing Manager, by e-mail to Yesenia.Chuca@houstontx.gov (preferred method) or by telephone at (832) 393-8727 no later than 4:00 PM, CT on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. The City shall provide written responses to all questions received by Proposers prior to the RFP submittal deadline. Questions received from all Proposer(s) shall be answered by the City and made available to Proposer(s) who are listed as having obtained the RFP. Proposer(s) shall be notified in writing of any changes in the specifications contained within this RFP.

3.0 LETTER(S) OF CLARIFICATION

- 3.1 All Letters of Clarification and interpretations to this Solicitation shall be in writing. Any Letter of Clarification(s) or interpretation that is not in writing shall not legally bind the City. Only information supplied by the City in writing or in this RFP should be used in preparing Proposal responses.
- 3.2 The City does not assume responsibility for the receipt of any Letters of Clarification sent to Proposer(s).

4.0 EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 Each Proposer shall carefully examine all RFP documents and familiarize themselves with all requirements prior to submitting a Proposal to ensure that the Proposal meets the intent of this RFP.
- 4.2 Before submitting a Proposal, each Proposer shall be responsible for making all investigations and examinations that are necessary to ascertain conditions and affecting the requirements of this RFP. Failure to make such investigations and examinations shall not relieve the Proposer from obligation to comply, in every detail, with all provisions and requirements of the RFP.

5.0 POST-PROPOSAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PROPOSER(S)

It is the City's intent to commence final negotiation with the Proposer(s) deemed most advantageous to the City. The City reserves the right to conduct post-Proposal discussions with any Proposer(s).

PART VIII - REQUIRED FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL

- **1.0** Exhibit I: Offer and Submittal, List of References, and List of Proposed Subcontractors
- 2.0 Signed M/WBE Forms (Exhibit II): Attachment "A" Schedule of M/WBE Participation, M/WBE Participation Plan Good Faith Efforts; Attachment "B" Office of Business Opportunity and Contract Compliance M/WBE Utilization Report, Notice of Intent; Attachment "C" Certified M/WBE Subcontract Terms; Attachment "D" Office of Business Opportunity and Contract Compliance M/WBE Utilization Report

- **3.0** Exhibit III: City of Houston Ownership Information Form
- **4.0** Exhibit IV: Anti-Collusion Statement
- **5.0** Exhibit V: Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

PART IX – REQUIRED FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED BY RECOMMENDED VENDOR ONLY

Required forms shall be supplied to the Contractor after the award recommendation:

- 1.0 Insurance Requirements and Insurance Certificate
- 2.0 Drug Policy Compliance Agreement (Exhibit "B"); Contractor's Certification of No Safety Impact Positions in Performance of a City Contract (Exhibit "C"); Drug Policy Compliance Declaration (Exhibit "D")
- **3.0** City Contractors' Pay or Play Acknowledgement Form (POP-1) http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/payorplay/pop1.pdf and Certification of Compliance with Pay or Play Program (POP-2) http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/payorplay/pop2.pdf
- **4.0** Requested information outlined in the scope of work and other additional relevant/supporting information, or alternate Proposal.
- **5.0** Texas Ethics Commission, Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295). Download a copy at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm

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EXHIBIT I OFFER AND SUBMITTAL

NOTE: PROPOSAL MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE PROPOSER, WHICH MUST BE THE ACTUAL LEGAL ENTITY THAT WILL PERFORM THE CONTRACT IF AWARDED AND THE TOTAL FIXED PRICE CONTAINED THEREIN SHALL REMAIN FIRM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS.

"THE PROPOSER WARRANTS THAT NO PERSON OR SELLING AGENCY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED OR RETAINED TO SOLICIT OR SECURE THIS CONTRACT UPON AN AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING FOR A COMMISSION, PERCENTAGE, BROKERAGE, OR CONTINGENT FEE, EXCEPTING BONA FIDE EMPLOYEES. FOR BREACH OR VIOLATION OF THIS WARRANTY, THE CITY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ANNUL THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT LIABILITY OR, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO DEDUCT FROM THE CONTRACT PRICES OR CONSIDERATION, OR OTHERWISE RECOVER THE FULL AMOUNT OF SUCH COMMISSION, PERCENTAGE, BROKERAGE OR CONTINGENT FEE."

Respectfully Submitted:

(Print or Type Name of Contractor – Full Company Name)	
City of Houston Vendor No. (If already doing business with City):	
Federal Identification Number:	
By: (Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent)	
Printed Name:	
Title:	
Date:	
Address of Contractor: Street Address or P.O. Box	
City – State – Zip Code	
Telephone No. of Contractor: ()	
Signature, Name and title of Affiant:	
(Notary Public in and for)	
	County, Texas
My Commission Expires: day of	20

EXHIBIT I REFERENCES LIST OF PREVIOUS CUSTOMERS

Name:	Phone No.:	
	Contract Completion Date:	
Contract Name/Title:		
Email:	·····	
Name:	Phone No.:	
Name:	1 Hone No	
	Contract Completion Date:	
Name:	Phone No.:	
Contract Award Date:	Contract Completion Date:	
Email:		
Project Description:		
Name:	Phone No.:	
Contract Award Date:	Contract Completion Date:	
Contract Name/Title:		
Email:		

EXHIBIT I LIST OF SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

The following is a list of Subcontractors we propose to engage on the following items of Work. Any item of Work which does not designate a Subcontractor will be done by the firm submitting the Proposal.

SEGREGATED PART OF WORK	SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER
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EXHIBIT II ATTACHMENT "A" SCHEDULE OF MWBE PARTICIPATION

Date:	
Bid Number:	
Formal Bid Title:	

Name of Certified MWBE Subcontractor	Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Tel # & Email	Certification Type for Goal MBE, WBE (Each firm may only be used for one goal type)	NAICS Code (6 Digits)	Description of Work (Scope of Work)	% of Participation

TOTAL	\$
MWBE PARTICIPATION AMOUNT	\$
TOTAL BID AMOUNT	\$

f you have exhausted your best efforts to comply with the City's MWBE Policy by seeking subcontracts and supply agreements wininority and women business enterprises, yet failed to meet the MWBE contract goal of this bid document, list below your good for demonstrate compliance with the City's MWBE Program. For more information, please review the Good Faith Efforts Policy, be found on the OBO website at www.houstontx.gov/obo .	faith efforts
*All firms listed on this MWBE Participation Plan must be certified by the Office of Business Opportunity at the time of bid submi	ission. The
ompleted MWBE Participation Plan must be returned with the bid form. The undersigned will enter into a formal subcontracting or supply agreement with the MWBEs subcontractors and suppliers lis	sted on this
participation plan upon award of a contract with the City.	, coursell
Bidder Company Name	
signature of Authorized Officer/Agent/Bidder & Title	
rint or Typed Name of Authorized Officer/Agent/Bidder & Title	
rint or Typed Name of Authorized Officer/Agent/Bidder & Title	
Date	

EXHIBIT II ATTACHMENT "B" OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MWBE UTILIZATION REPORT

NOTICE OF INTENT

THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO MEDIATION AND CAN BE INITIATED BY THE COMPANIES SIGNED BELOW OR THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

То:	City of Houston Administering Department		Date:		-
Proje	ect Name and Number				_
Bid A	mount:	M/V	V/BE Goal:		-
	Prime Contractor		_ , agrees to enter into a c	ontractual agreeme	ent with
	MWBE Subcontractor		ovide the following goods/	services in connect	tion
with t	the above-referenced contract:				
for ar	n estimated amount of \$		_ or	% of the total o	contract value.
	(M/W/BE Subcontractor)		rently certified with the City		
	Prime Contractor		M/W/BE Subc		Intend to
	on the above-named contract in Provisions, contingent upon awa		vith the M/W/DBE Participa	tion Section of the	City of Houstor
Signe	ed (Prime Contactor)		Signed (M/W/BE Subcon	tractor)	-
Printe	ed Signature		Printed Signature		-
Title		Date.	 Title	Date	-

ATTACHMENT "C"

CITY OF HOUSTON CERTIFIED MWSBE SUBCONTRACTING AGREEMENT TERMS

Contractor shall ensure that all subcontracting agreements with M/WSBE Subcontractors and suppliers are clearly labeled "THIS CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO MEDIATION" contain the following terms:

1.

	supplier without the express written consent of the City of Houston's Office of Business Oppo					
2.	(M/WSBE Subcontractor/Supplier) shall permit representatives of the					
	City of Houston, at all reasonable times, to perform 1) audits of the books and records of the					
	Subcontractor, and 2) inspections of all places where work is to be undertaken in connection with this					
	subcontracting agreement. Subcontractor shall keep such books and records available for such					
	purpose for at least four (4) years after the end of its performance under this subcontract. Nothing in					

more than 50% of the work under this subcontracting agreement to any other Subcontractor or

this provision shall affect the time for bringing a cause of action or the applicable statute of limitations.

(M/WSBE Subcontractor/Supplier) shall not delegate or subcontract

3. Within five (5) business days of execution of this subcontracting agreement, Contractor (prime contractor) and Subcontractor shall designate in writing to the Office of Business Opportunity an agent for receiving any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to Chapter 15 of the Houston City Code of Ordinances, along with the street and mailing address and phone number of such agent.

These provisions apply to goal-oriented and regulated contracts as defined in City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Article 5.

The MWSBE policy of the City of Houston will be discussed during the pre-proposal conference. For information, assistance, and/or to receive a copy of the City's Office of Business Opportunity polices and/or governing ordinance, contact the Office of Business Opportunity Division at 832.393.0600, 611 Walker Street, 7th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.

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City of Houston Certified M/WSBE Subcontract Terms

EXHIBIT II ATTACHMENT "D" OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MWBE UTILIZATION REPORT

Report Period:							
PROJECT NAME & NUMBER:				AWARD DATE:			
PRIME CONTRACTOR:				CONTRACT NO.:			
ADDRESS:				CONTRACT AMOUNT:			
LIAISON/PHONE NO.:				MWBE GOAL:			
MWBE SUB/VENDOR NAME	DATE OF OBO CERTIFICATION	DATE OF SUBCONTRACT	SUBCONTRACT AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL CONTRACT	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	% OF CONTRACT TO DATE	
					_		
						-	
Use additional pages if needed. Submit by the 15th day of the following month. Provide support documentation on all revenues paid to end of the report period to MWBE's to reflect up/down variances on Contract amount.				Office of Busines ATTN: Marsha I 611 Walker, 7 th F Houston, Texas	Murray 713-837-900 loor	0	

EXHIBIT III OWNERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

The City of Houston Ownership Information Form is used to gather information to comply with:

- a. The City of Houston Contractor Ownership Disclosure Ordinance (<u>Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances</u>, Article VIII. City Contracts; Indebtedness to City);
- b. The City of Houston Fair Campaign Ordinance (Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances); and,
- c. The State of Texas Statement of Residency Requirements (Tex. Govt. Code Chapter 2252).

Please complete the form, in its entirety, and submit it with the Official Bid or Proposal Form. Except as noted below regarding the Statement of Residency, failure to provide this information may be just cause for rejection of your bid or proposal.

NOTICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON FAIR CAMPAIGN ORDINANCE

By submitting a bid or proposal to the City of Houston for a Contract in excess of \$50,000 or for which a request is presented to City Council for approval, all respondents agree to comply with the Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances.

Further, pursuant to Section 18-36 of the Code of Ordinances, it shall be unlawful either for any person who submits a bid or proposal to contribute or offer any contribution to a candidate or for any candidate to solicit or accept any contribution from such person for a period commencing at the time of posting of the City Council Meeting Agenda including an item for the award of the Contract and ending upon the 30th day after the award of the Contract by City Council.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Please <u>type</u> or <u>legibly print in dark ink</u> responses. Individuals and entities should disclose their full, legal names (not initials) and all required corporate letters ("Inc", "LLP", etc.).
 - a. If a firm is operating under an assumed name, the following format is recommended: Corporate/Legal Name DBA Assumed Name.
- 2. Full addresses are required, including street types ("St", "Rd", etc.) and unit number.
- 3. Individuals or entities with 10% or more ownership of the corporation, partnership, or joint venture (including persons who own 100%) are required to be disclosed with their full name and full address. All officers and directors are also required to be disclosed with their full name and full address.

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PROJECT AND BID/PROPOSAL PREPARER INFORMATION

Project or Matter Being Bid:	
Bidder's complete firm/company business information Name:	
Business Address [No./Street]	
Bidder's email address Email Address:	
(THE STATEMENT OF RESIDENCY PORTION O	OF RESIDENCY OF THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT APPLICABLE IF THE EDERAL FUNDS WILL BE USED)
	ent bidder" as a bidder whose principal place of business* e parent company or majority owner has its principal place
TEX. GOV'T CODE §2252.001§ (3) defines a "Nonrestate.	esident bidder" as a bidder who is not a resident in this
* Principal Place of Business in Texas means that the	business entity:
	d within the State of Texas, from which business activities ental agencies are conducted and from which the bid is not the Texas office.
Based on the definitions above, your business is a:	☐ TEXAS RESIDENT BIDDER☐ NONRESIDENT BIDDER
If you are a Nonresident Bidder, does your home state so, you must attach a copy of the statute to this Docum	have a statute giving preference to resident bidders? If nent.
A copy of the State of statute is attached	ed.
NOTE: The State of residency of a bidder is not used for projects receiving federal funding, whether in whole	in the decision-making criteria for the award of contracts or in part.

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CONTRACTING ENTITY ORGANIZATIONAL ENTITY TYPE

NON-PROFIT CORPORATION
UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION
DRESSES
es/has done business or owns property (real estate on ("Houston") in the past 3 years from the date of date of submitting this form, the bidder does not and erty (real estate and/or business personal property) in

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED.

LISTING OF OFFICERS

LIST ALL OFFICERS OF THE ENTITY, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF OWNERSHIP (IF NONE STATE "NONE")

Name _	Officer	Address
Name		
· -	Officer	Address
Name _.	Officer	Address
Name		
	Officer	Address
Name _	Officer	Address
Name _	Officer	Address
	LISTING OF DIRECTORS	
LIST ALL DIRECTOF STATE "NONE")		OF THE AMOUNT OF OWNERSHIP (IF NONI
Name _		
	Director or Member	Address
Name _	Director or Member	Address
Name		
	Director or Member	Address
Name		
	Director or Member	Address
Name _	 Director or Member	Address

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DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP (OR NON-PROFIT OFFICERS)

Bidders are required to disclose all owners of 10% or more of the Contracting Entity. For non-profit entities, please provide the complete information for the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

In all cases, use <u>full</u> names, local business <u>and</u> residence addresses and telephone numbers. Do <u>not</u> use post office boxes for any address. Inclusion of e-mail addresses is optional, but recommended.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED.

Contracting Entity:
Name:
Business Address [No./Street]
City / State / Zip Code
Telephone Number
Email Address:
DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP (OR NON-PROFIT OFFICERS) continued.
Owner(s) of 10% or More (IF NONE, STATE "NONE."):
Namo:
Name:
City / State / 7in Code
City / State / Zip Code
Email Address:
Residence Address [No./Street]
City / State / Zip Code
Owner(s) of 10% or More (IF NONE, STATE "NONE."):
TWINITE WORLD (II NONE, STATE WORLD).
Name:
Name:
City / State / Zip Code
Telephone Number
Email Address:
Residence Address [No./Street]
City / State / Zip Code

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED.

OPTIONAL: TAX APPEAL INFORMATION

If the	e firm/	/compar	ny or	an	owner.	officer/	is	actively	protes	sting,	challen	ıging,	or	appealing	the	accuracy	and/	or
amoı	unt of	taxes le	vied	with	a tax	apprais	al (district,	please	provi	de the f	ollowi	ng	informatior	1:			

Title	
Printed name	
Preparer's Signature	Date
	on may result in my submission being considered
the capacity noted below, and that I hav	of the firm, that I am associated with the firm in of the accuracy of the information provided herein, correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand
REC	<u>DECLARATION</u>
form receipted by the appropriate ag	pany, please include a copy of the official
of force been been filed to	
Status of Appeal <i>[DESCRIBE]</i> :	
Status of Annual Incorporati	
Tax Years:	
Attorney/Agent Phone No.:	
Attorney/Agent Name:	
Case or File Nos.:	
Tax Account Nos.:	
Debtor (Firm or Owner Name):	
Debtor (Firm or Owner	· Name):

NOTE: This form constitutes a **governmental record**, as defined by Section 37.01 of the Texas Penal Code. Submission of a false government record and falsification of a governmental record are crimes, punishable as provided in Section 37.10 of the Texas Penal Code.

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EXHIBIT IV ANTI-COLLUSION STATEMENT

Date	Proposer Signature
with the award of this contract.	
with the award of this Contract.	•
participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any	y action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection
are those named herein; that the Proposer has no	ot, either directly or indirectly entered into any Agreement,
The undersigned, as Proposer, certifies that the on	ly person or parties interested in this Proposal as principals

EXHIBIT V CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/ Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
 - (2) the vendor:
 - (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
 - (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) Avendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
 - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
 - (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
 - (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
 - (1) the date that the vendor:
 - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
 - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
 - (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
 - (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

EXHIBIT VII CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity	FORM CIQ
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).	Date Received
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.	
A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.	
Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.	
Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law re completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th busines you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)	s day after the date on which
Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.	
Name of Officer	
Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship wit Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attac CIQ as necessary. A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or light other than investment income, from the vendor?	h the local government officer. h additional pages to this Form
Yes No	
B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable local governmental entity?	
Yes No	
Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 m other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an ownership interest of one percent or more.	
Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B) and the local government officer or a family member as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B).	of the officer one or more gifts 003(a-1).
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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity	Date

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

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